

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-4 and 7-15 are present in the application. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 14 and 15 are amended. Claims 5-6 were canceled previously. Claims 10-13 are canceled herein. No other claims are amended.

Claims 1-4 and 7-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Examiner notes some minor amendments to be made to clarify the claims. Applicants have made the noted amendments to the claims. Also, claims 8 and 9 are amended to depend on claims 3 and 4, since the claims they did depend on originally were canceled.

Claims 1-4 and 7-9 are indicated to be allowable with the amendments noted and claims 14 and 15 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten to independent form, including the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 14 and 15 are so-rewritten and are accordingly believed to be allowable.

Rejected claims 10-13 are canceled herewith to further prosecution and to lead to early issuance of a patent. Applicant reserves the right to file continuation applications directed to the canceled claims.

In light of the above noted amendments and remarks, this application is respectfully submitted to contain allowable subject matter and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

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It is believed that no further filing fees are due with this response. However, if it is determined that fees are due or that refund is owed, please charge/refund deposit account 503036.

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